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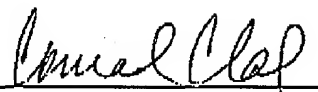
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Ellsworth et al.)

Serial No.: 10/019,680)

Filed: January 4, 2002)

For: BLOOD COMPONENTS
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Art Unit: 1723

Examiner: Sorkin, D.

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SIR:

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